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1. In early June 1953 the Division Headquarters of the North Korean Railroad Guard Division was in the vicinity of YD-328262 near Charyu-ri (N 39-03, E 125-42) (YD-3326). Headquarters moved to this location in February 1951. The division was attached to the Railroad Command of the Ministry of Railroads. There were two railroad reconstruction brigades attached to the division. The division had approximately 13,000 men, including the following: Division Headquarters, approximately 100 men; an Independent Unit, approximately 1,700 men; the 5 Regiment, approximately 2,800 men; the 6 Regiment, the 7 Regiment, and the 8 Regiment. The division was known as the 842 Army Unit; the 5 Regiment was known as the 840 Army Unit; the 6 Regiment was known as the 839 Army Unit; the 7 Regiment was known as the 838 Army Unit;¹ and the 8 Regiment was known as the 837 Army Unit.
2. In early June 1953 the following officers were attached to the North Korean Railroad Guard Division:

CHEO Kum-hyong, aged 28, was commander of the 1 Battalion of the 5 Regiment.

CHONG Son-kwan (6774/0810/1351), aged 30, was commander of the 5 Regiment.

HONG Hwa-yong (3530/0735/7893), aged 35, was deputy commander of Rear Services.

KIM Chae-ho (6855/0961/3185), aged 29, was deputy commander of the Railroad Guard Division.

KIM Chong-hwan (6855/1694/3562), aged 37, was Chief of Staff of the Railroad Guard Division.

KIM Myong-ku (6855/2494/0046), aged 38, was the deputy political commander.

YI Pyong-hak (2621/3521/1331), aged 38 and native of South Hamgyong Province, was commander of the Railroad Guard Division.²

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3. In early June 1953 various units of the North Korean Railroad Guard Division were dispersed as follows:
- The 5 Regiment was in the vicinity of Hukkyo-ri (N 38-48, E 125-47) (YC-4298). The 1 Battalion of the 5 Regiment was in the Namgyo-dong (N 39-03, E 125-43) (YD-3525) area. The 1 Company of the 1 Battalion was in the Taet'aryong-ni (N 39-02, E 125-43) (YD-3524) area. The 2 Company of the 1 Battalion was in the Sungho-ri (N 38-59, E 125-58) (YD-5719) area. The 3 Company of the 1 Battalion was in the Sainjang (N 39-15, E 125-52) (YD-4748) area. The 2 Battalion of the 5 Regiment was in the Songch'on (N 39-15, E 126-13) (BU-6048) area, and the 3 Battalion was in the Sariwon area.
 - The 6 Regiment was in the Sinanju area.
 - The 7 Regiment was in the Yangdok area.
 - The 8 Regiment was in the Ch'ongjin area.
4. In early June 1953 division headquarters consisted of a staff section, a military section, a rear services section, and a political section. The Independent Unit consisted of an engineer battalion, a communications battalion, a medical battalion, a reconnaissance battalion, an anti-aircraft battalion, and a supply battalion. The 5 Regimental Headquarters consisted of a staff section, a rear services section, and a political section. The 5 Regiment controlled three battalions and one independent unit. The Independent Unit consisted of an anti-aircraft company, a communications company, a reconnaissance company, an engineer company, a supply company, and an independent medical company. Each of the battalions had a political section, a rear services section, and a military section.

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1. Comment. [REDACTED] the 7 Regiment was known as the 837 Army Unit.

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2. Comment. [REDACTED] in December 1952, KANG Pyong-hak was commander of the Railroad Guard Division.

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